

LB GRIP Advisory Council Meeting

April 13, 2009

5:30-7:00

Minutes

Location: Center for Working Families, 1900 Atlantic Ave

Attendance: Melissa Morgan, Monica Andrews, Dr. Lydia Hollie, Rosanna Azanza, Patrick Dyson, Edward Garcia, Anita Gibbins, Det. Anamaria Gill, Rick Gonzalez, Lt. Randy Hausauer, Det. SongCheak Ier, Brenda, Knepper, Patricia Lee, Rev. James Lewis, Jeanetta McAlpin, Megan McDonnell, Kelly Parker, Lillian Parker, Claudette Powers, Jessica Quintana, Karen Reside, Angela Reynolds, Robert Robinson, Marc Rothenberg, Jim Ruggirello, Dr. James Saucedo, Jud Schoendorf, Autrilla Scott, Jerlene Tatum, BJ Thompson, Sgt. Adrian Tol, Claire Vermillion, Cecile Walters, Rene Castro, Jason Fraley, Teresa Gomez, Diana Craighead, Yvonne Robinson, Brian Reese, Lupe Velasco, Hattie Bass, Brent Fremming,

Excused Absence: Sue Baker, Dr. Ami Carpenter, Paster Wayne Chaney, Jr., Dr. Farah Naz Khaleghi, Janet McCarthy-Wilson, Connie McKivett, Michelle Molina, Don Rodriguez, Matt Saldana, Ted Stevens, Dr. Marco Turk,

1. **Welcomes and Introductions:** Meeting was called to order by Monica Andrews. Vice Chair Marc Rothenberg had members and guests introduced themselves. This is the 1st official LB GRIP Advisory Council (GRIP AC) meeting. A quorum was reached (22 was the quorum).
2. Angela Reynolds welcomed all for attending. The Council currently has 41 members, 31 signed in this meeting. GRIP grant has existed for a year already; it is a 3-year grant, not much has been done the first year, it is urgent that we make use of funds, do not want to return the unspent funds. Reviewed "Roles & Responsibilities" of GRIP AC on LB GRIP Fact Sheet (dated April 10, 2009). GRIP AC was transitioned from Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Task Force and serves with more structure. Advisory Committee will meet quarterly; communication will be also done via email between meetings and updated information will be posted on a website.
3. Chair Dr. Lydia Hollie reviewed the vision and mission of the LB GRIP Advisory Council. Vision, Mission and logo from the Youth Gang Task Force remain the same.
4. Teresa Gomez, Neighborhood Services Bureau, reported on Washington School project; 200 volunteers, 500 books donated to Roosevelt Elem. School reading project, 300 parents participated.
5. Need for By-Laws to be created; Lydia moved to create Ad hoc committee to draft the By-Laws, 5 members needed; Marc Rothenberg, Jerlene Tatum, Lillian Parker, Anita Gibbins, and Megan McDonnell volunteered, Marc will chair. Angela Reynolds will provide sample by-laws.

6. Melissa Morgan was thanked for her work as Human Dignity Officer and all her work with the Gang Task Force and the securing of the LB GRIP grant and implementing the GRIP Advisory Council; her many accomplishments were mentioned. Lydia presented a certificate of appreciation and letter of appreciation.
7. Teresa Gomez will be the GRIP project coordinator, each meeting she will provide a grant update summary. GRIP grant is for a total of \$400k over 3 years. One year has passed, this same amount is now budgeted for 2-year length; ends December 31, 2010. Reviewed the Financial Summary Report for period April 1, 2008-March 31, 2009.
 - a. Human Dignity Officer and Development Project manager may be combined as one.
 - b. Discretionary funds explained. Budgeted \$300 per month for GRIP AC to fund projects, events, etc. as decided upon by the GRIP AC. At present, \$1200 is available.
 - c. A report will be provided to the Governor every 6 months.
8. **Action Item 1:** MLK Park Mural- Parks & Rec. staff Jim Ruggirello spoke on behalf of Tony Pope, who was unavailable, requesting use of discretionary funds of \$300 to complete a mural at MLK Park. Open discussion- Many agreed more details should be provided, City staff provided description and verified the legitimacy of the project, agreed more details should be provided about projects that request discretionary funds. There is a Mural Project committee for the project, formed at a Weed & Seed meeting. Lillian Parker agreed to be the LB GRIP AC representative on the Mural committee. **Motion Passed.**
9. **Action Item 2:** Rene Castro, CCEJ, described upcoming Youth & Police Dialogue sessions and their plan to involve 60-75 youth; requested support of discretionary funds of \$300 to purchase door prizes, such as low-end iPods to be raffled at the sessions. Open discussion-Suggestion was made for future door prizes by seeking donations from stores; question was raised on whether there are any criteria in place so as to determine for whom and for what projects the discretionary funds will be used. Angela mentioned it could be used for community projects and such, Lydia suggested a policy would be good to implement and asked that it be added to the agenda for the next meeting. **Motion Passed.**
10. Roles of Neighborhood Services Bureau (NSB) and Peace Partners
 - a. Teresa Gomez will provide regular updates of the GRIP AC to Neighborhood Services Bureau
 - b. Monica Andrews-PeacePartners will coordinate GRIP AC meetings, workshops- reviewed handout "PeacePartners Scope of Work"; She encouraged non-members to complete an application to be an AC Member.
11. Concern was raised to make sure all of the GRIP AC members are well informed of items to be considered as action items, use of discretionary funds; need to have communication between Weed & Seed Committee and GRIP AC. By-Laws can

address those concerns. Suggestion was made to send email prior to GRIP AC meeting detailing any projects to be considered for discretionary funds.

12. LBPD Update

- a. -Sgt Adrian Tol described Truancy Intervention program PD has implemented as part of GRIP; work closely with LBUSD and parents; target schools are Butler, Washington and Jefferson.
- b. Det . Gill described progress of program at Millikan (Mill-I-Can); approx 50 students involved, many students from beats 4 & 5.
- c. Lt Randy Hausauer gave description and update of Youth & Police Dialogue; *gang* shootings up 80% from this time last year, spread out over City, murders in beats 4&5 are not leading murder rate; but *overall* shootings down 28% YTD

13. Discussion of implementing programs similar to Mill-I-Can at other schools; Det. Gill said it was initially implemented by school staff, could be done, and would take school staff to be on board.

- a. Jeannata McAlpin mentioned similar program she was a part of at International School, she will share the notes she kept.
- b. Ed Garcia; Principal from Whittier suggested contact School Safety to see if any similar programs are operating anywhere in the District, duplicate, follow best practices. He can help make connections to the Safety staff.

14. Rosanna Azanza gave Safe Havens report, they are setting up computer lab; purchasing equipment and software.

15. Rick Gonzalez gave description and update of Community beautification and Neighborhood Enhancement Project; it involves youth creating projects in the neighborhood and working together, work experience and beautifies the neighborhood, they attend workshops on "Going Green"; plant trees; Information on Summer jobs program, need sites and looking for "projects" that youth can be involved with, YOC will cover wages, work comp. and supervision.

16. Anita Gibbons reported on LBCC Youth Anti-Violence conference

17. Public Comment-Jessica Quintana of CENTRO CHA was invited to give description of CENTRO CHA and the funding they received and how it is being used; they serve 80 high risk youth from West & Central LB; Lydia requested that Jessica be included on agenda next meeting.

18. Melissa said the subcommittees of the former Gang Task Force need to see which fit into CAL GRIP.

19. Megan McDonnell, youth member, was awarded distinguished service recognition.

20. Next meeting will be on May 11, 2009

21. Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.